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Inventor: Joseph A. Zupanick

For: SLANT ENTRY WELL SYSTEM AND METHOD

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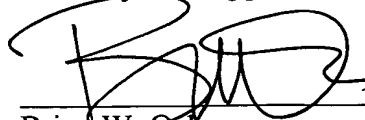
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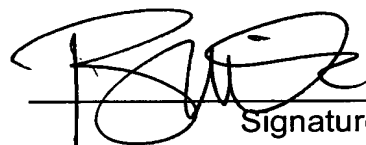
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		Title	SLANT ENTRY WELL SYSTEM AND METHOD
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